

Turning now to the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Fig.

1A and Fig. 1B. Fig. 1B is a top perspective view, while Fig. 1A is a cross-sectional view. As such, Fig. 1A is not patentably distinct from Fig. 1B, as it is the same item

10 illustrated from another angle. Applicant provisionally assumes that the Examiner intended to state that Fig. 1A and Fig. 1C were patentably distinct species. Fig. 1A goes to Claims 1-12, and 23. Fig. 1C goes to Claims 13-22, and 24. If Examiner in fact intended to require an election between Figs. 1A, and 1C, the Applicant respectfully elects the claimed subject matter of Fig. 1C, Claims 13-22, and 24, without traverse.

15 Should the Examiner have intended to require a different election, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide the Applicant with the correct election requirement.

5 **Concluding Remarks:**

The Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the above comments and remarks, all Claims are now in allowable condition. The Applicant thus respectfully requests timely allowance of all of the pending Claims.

10 In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, or believes that a conversation with either Applicant or Applicant's representative would be beneficial the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

15 The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 50-2691. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed. The petition fee due
20 in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-2691.

Respectfully submitted,



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